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‘In There for a Reason’

Editor:

The NCJ sob story about inmate Patrick Harvey and For the People that feels sorry for convicted criminals makes me wonder why either of you want him back our streets? (“Seeking Salvation,” April 18.)

Harvey has already had a chance at parole and failed. He will have other chances without this special intervention.

Harvey has led a life of criminal activity victimizing unknown numbers of law abiding citizens. He continues to violate the rules even while in state custody. Keeping him there keeps civilized society a little safer.

His third felony strike was for ransacking a house, burglary, felon with a firearm and “other offenses.” The other crimes, possibly hundreds, are not included in his conviction nor are his potentially hundreds of victims.

Let the existing system continue to deal with the inmates in state prisons. The felons are in there for a reason.

Dennis Scales, Fortuna

‘All Due Respect’

Editor:

With all due respect to Greg King (whom I both admire and respect for all of the excellent work he has done over the years, particularly on the Headwaters Forest campaign) there are so many things wrong with these three sentences right here. (“Why Deindustrialization (not Wind) Is the Answer,” April 25.)

He says:

“Yet in ongoing ‘green power’ debates, one important fact is consistently left out: In large part the energy produced by these projects will not supplant dirty energy, but supplement it.”

This is a fatalistic argument not based on any evidence, but merely an invocation of Jevon’s Paradox, which I contend is mostly a myth (ecology.iwww.org/node/5532).

He then says:

“According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, national energy production has increased nearly every year, from about 40 quadrillion British thermal units in 1960 to 103 quadrillion BTUs in 2022. In February this year, the EIA estimated that U.S. energy consumption will reach 4,112 billion kilowatt hours in 2024 and 4,123 billion kwh in 2025, up from a record 4,070 billion kwh in 2022.”

That’s a case of correlation, but it doesn’t prove causation. One doesn’t inevitably lead to the other (though I agree that we should reduce energy consumption, particularly fossil fuel based energy).

Finally, he says:

“What this means is that little of the energy produced by ‘green’ energy technologies will serve to reduce the U.S. carbon footprint by 2050.”

That is a prediction, not a scientifically unalterable fact, and again, it’s fatalistic.

Then, he says:

“Yet these projects come with enormous environmental costs.”

What “enormous” environmental costs?” The impacts of wind are not that substantial. I have written an extensive document about this (ecology.iwww.org/node/5940), and I’d ask him to refute the points I make with facts and evidence rather than simply state (vaguely) that there are “enormous environmental costs” with zero specifics or evidence to support that contention.

Steve Ongerth, Richmond

‘Kidnapped’

Editor:

I had just read Greg King’s excellent piece, “Why Deindustrialization (Not Wind) is the Answer,” when I encountered a wonderful quote from the Post Carbon Institute: “Modern humans have a Stockholm Syndrome relationship to technology, which has kidnapped us while convincing us it has our best interests in mind. But when one looks back at the history of plastics or the current frenzy around AI, it isn’t hard to see the insanity of doubling down on new technology to save us from previous technology.”

I like to think we haven’t already screwed things up well beyond repair, and that there are solutions to our problems that do not consist of piling it on. These projects come with “enormous environmental costs.” Can we afford these costs? For how long?

Carol Moné, Trinidad

‘Divisive Demonstrations’

Editor:

The divisive demonstrations by some students on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus are very disconcerting and unnecessary (NCJ Daily, April 25).

I encourage CPH students to investigate this long list of Israeli/Palestinian peace groups. These are ordinary people on both sides of the border working tirelessly in their communities and across divides to achieve peace and independence for Israelis and Palestinians. These people set an example to look past divisive “us versus them” thinking and to search for common ground: Alliance for Middle East Peace, Combatants for Peace, Israel/Palestine, Standing Together, Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Araba Education in Israel, Eco-

Peace Middle East, Women Wage Peace/Women of the Sun, Salaam Shalom Kitchen, Road to Recovery, Peace Now, Women Wage Peace and Children of Peace.

In addition, I don't know how to adequately describe the irony that this current conflict is happening in the holy Land and that a peace agreement was made back in 1994 at the Oslo Peace Accords.

Carman Gentile, Arcata

'Bringing Attention'

Editor:

Thank you to the students for bringing attention to American complicity in the war on Gaza. It may have been flawed but it did the job. It seems that the CPH administration has overreacted to the student protests. The faculty I have spoken to have all said that closing the campus was unnecessary and has brought great hardship to all concerned.

And let us not be distracted from the real issue which is stopping the war in Gaza. The student protests here and across the country reflect the large number of Americans that don't want our tax dollars used to arm Israel to massacre civilians and destroy their land. The administration and Congress need to heed the voices speaking out loudly to stop funding this war, back an immediate ceasefire, let aid into Gaza, release all Israeli hostages being held by Hamas and work toward a negotiated settlement between both peoples so that Palestinians can be free and both Palestinians and Israelis can live in safety.

Lynn Kerman, Arcata

Clarification

A story in the April 25, 2024, edition of the North Coast Journal headlined "Officials Weigh in on SCOTUS Case's Local Implications" included possibly misleading information. It was Fortuna Police Chief Case Day who informed the council when it passed its anti-camping ordinance that

Poetry Takes Maternity Leave

The African violet dies.
Though I've moved it
to a new window,
given it the perfect light,
it seems I did too late.
It takes every ounce
of creative energy
to make a new life.

This week the nail beds form,
there will be no poetry.
Last week: all those vertebrae,
a cord as powerful at least
as the one that will be cut.
And yet there were no poems.

Another leaf hangs limp
& takes my plucking.
Grandfather's orchard waits
with the smell of pears & rain
to be poesied another day,
another year perhaps.

There are diapers to be bought
and a little face
pressed against my knee.
A fever to be lowered.
A song, never one I wrote,
to be sung.

In this candle light
in a room too dim
for anything but dreams
I try not to wake the fevered child.
I try to save this violet.
I eat this pear, and try
to remember the smell of that rain.

— Adrienne Veronese.

his department would offer those camping illegally a ride to a homeless shelter nearby before enforcing the ordinance. The city has also contributed funding to homeless services in Eureka in the past. The Journal regrets any confusion.

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Failed Leadership

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill and Thadeus Greenson

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In the week leading up to the moment when hundreds of police officers from throughout the state descended on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus before dawn on April 30 to forcibly remove about two dozen protesters, we heard lots of voices.

We heard from the protesters themselves, who said they felt compelled to take a stand for Palestinians facing what they see as an attempted genocide and a humanitarian crisis that seems to grow more dire by the day. We heard from members of the local Jewish community, some of whom expressed solidarity and others who voiced concern about some of the sentiments and slogans coming from the protest. And we heard from campus faculty, who expressed grave concerns about administration's handling of the situation.

Unfortunately, a voice the community may have missed — at least those without a paid subscription to the *Times-Standard* — was that of CPH President Tom Jackson Jr., the one that should have been loudest and clearest throughout.

But it should be in no way surprising that Jackson chose not to speak to protesters directly, or even send a message via email, social media or a recorded statement to the campus community, even as this painful chapter in the university's history unfolded and students saw their semester abruptly cut short by an order to close the campus. It seems he rarely speaks with anyone, at least anyone who may have a viewpoint that differs from his own.

Consider: In the days leading up to the April 30 clearing of campus, Jackson received a letter from Arcata City Councilmember, Sarah Schaefer, the city's former mayor and the co-chair of the Equity Arcata board, who starts by noting the two had never met in the four-plus years of Jackson's presidency. The letter goes on to implore Jackson to “hear what your students and faculty are saying and to work with them, actively, to find a peaceful solution.”

“I have stood with and talked with the students on the quad, why haven't you?” Schaefer wrote.

It's a fair question.

Also consider the letter signed by hundreds of faculty and staff at CPH asserting

that Jackson's decisions regarding closing the campus and shifting coursework online were made without consultation with faculty, which is not just poor management practice, but also violates the university's espoused principles of shared governance.

Or consider the resolution passed by the Humboldt chapter of the California Faculty Association's executive board, which says Jackson's ill-advised response to the protests comes from an “unfamiliarity with the Cal Poly Student body.” Again, he's been on campus since the fall of 2019.

Also consider the open letter from Fourth District County Supervisor Natalie Arroyo, signed by a host of elected officials in tribal, city and county government, noting that administration's response to the protests “has included very few civil leaders,” despite their deep concern for the welfare of all involved. Should local officials have to reach out by open letter to “strongly encourage” a university president to work with community leaders to avoid in a situation that is capturing national headlines? Of course not.

And this lack of communication has layered, reverberating impacts. Not only is Jackson not hearing from the voices of those he's tasked — and is paid just shy of \$400,000 annually — to lead, he's also not hearing from the rest of the community directly impacted by his choices.

Consider that Mad River Community Hospital went into a partial lockdown the afternoon of April 26 because it had not been in direct communication with the university. Instead, trying to read the proverbial tea leaves, the hospital feared a police enforcement action might be looming that could lead to a massive influx of injured people to its emergency room. Its lockdown sent teachers and administrators at the adjacent school scrambling to close campus early.

But let's circle back to the one bit of communication the community did receive from Jackson, and perhaps the only thing that seems to evidence he was even on campus last week: the interview with the *Times-Standard*. Because what he said is deeply problematic.

In an interview on campus on April 26, Jackson told the paper the people occupying Siemens Hall and the surrounding area were “not staying in there for noble



Protesters sit outside the barricaded entrance of Siemens Hall, interlocking arms, on April 22, in an effort to prevent officers from attempting to enter the building. *Photo by Alexander Anderson*

causes. They're criminals." As a university president should know, language matters, and this is Jackson not just saying his students have committed crimes, which it seems at least some almost certainly did, but they did so for ignoble reasons and that's the sum total of their character.

Now, let's be clear that vandalizing a building — particularly a school building — is not OK. It is a crime. But we have seen absolutely no evidence that the folks who attempted an open occupation on Siemens Hall did so for any reason other than a deep concern about a war in Gaza that has killed more than 34,000, many of them civilian women and children, according to local health officials. If Jackson has some evidence there was an ulterior motive he'd do well to share it.

Let's also be clear that protest, civil disobedience and lawlessness are not the same thing. Protest is simply a statement of disapproval, and the university understandably has rules governing where and when it's acceptable, with the goal of assuring equal space and opportunity for all groups and maintaining an environment in which students can learn. Civil disobedience, meanwhile, is a nonviolent action in which someone refuses to obey a law or rule for moral or philosophical reasons, and is willing to accept the consequences that may come. Lawlessness is when people simply act without regard to laws or rules.

While all this is important to keep in mind and think about it, we see it as missing the largest takeaway from this sad ordeal.

When protesters entered Siemens Hall on the afternoon of April 22, as we understand it, they did so peacefully, looking to raise awareness to and discussion of an issue they care deeply about. This is far from unheard of in Humboldt, where protesters occupied the Native American Forum for 35 days back in 2015, and the local occupy movement got its first footing back in 2011.

But this time, rather than administrators engaging them in discussion and giving them space to make their statement, they

treated the situation as a terrorist threat, evacuating classrooms and offices, and calling in the police. Things unsurprisingly escalated from there.

And so it is we are left to wonder what might have been. Perhaps some engagement would have led to unique educational opportunities that both raised awareness of the death and suffering of Palestinians in Gaza and applied pressure on power brokers to end it. (We're reminded of the time Siemens Hall's namesake, former university president Cornelius Siemens, who penned a letter to President Nixon noting the unrest on campus caused by concern over military action in Cambodia, as recently noted by Bob Doran, a former staffer of this paper.) We also wonder if a different approach could have fostered a better understanding of those who feel passionately about what's happening in Gaza that Palestinians are not Hamas, just as Israelis are not the Israeli government, and nor are people of Jewish faith.

Perhaps the protesters were hellbent on destruction and vandalism was the primary goal of the day, but it seems unlikely. Unfortunately, we'll never know what would have happened if administrators sought to engage and de-escalate, rather than simply call the cops to crack down on students practicing civil disobedience.

The costs of the CPH administration's handling of this are massive. Students have arrest records, the campus has lots of damage to repair (more than \$1 million, it says, though it has offered no accounting of that sum), students were left to finish their semester and finals online, sports teams had to cancel what would have been seniors' final home games and commencement — a crowning moment for many families — may not be celebrated on campus. Then, of course, there's the astronomical cost of paying hundreds of officers from agencies throughout the state overtime to come clear a couple dozen protesters from campus.

But there's also the cost of lost opportunity — of failing to engage in an important dialogue, of failing to lead. ●

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A Difficult Day

Editor's note: In the wake of the early-morning clearing of protesters from the Cal Poly Humboldt campus on April 30, the Cal Poly Humboldt Chapter of the California Faculty Association and a number of local officials issued statements. Here's what they had to say.

"This is a difficult day, it breaks my heart to see it, and truly nobody wanted to see things come to this. We've all watched this with great concern, and always with the sincere hope that it would be resolved peacefully. Unfortunately, serious criminal activity that crossed the line well beyond the level of a protest had put the campus at ongoing risk. I commend the law enforcement team for their effort in resolving this very dangerous situation, and I'm incredibly grateful for the many agencies who advised us and who came to our aid in our time of need. I'm also very grateful for our many staff members who performed far and above their normal duties to help us protect the campus and maintain operations. Our focus for the entire time has been on doing all we could do to protect the safety of all involved, and we were very patient and very disciplined with that."

—Cal Poly Humboldt President
Tom Jackson Jr.

"This has been an extremely challenging week in Humboldt. Protesting peacefully in America is a fundamental, Constitutional right — it's what our nation is about and, let's be candid, protesting is part of the fabric of the North Coast.

That said, there is a clear line and it starts and stops with destruction of school property, vandalism, and antisemitic hate speech.

Last night, law enforcement moved to secure buildings and disperse individuals who remained on campus. No injuries were reported and the situation ended peacefully. With damage to the school estimated to be over \$1 million, law enforcement will remain on campus in the coming days to ensure our campus community remains safe for all.

Let's be clear — it's going to take time to heal. Trust is earned, and it is going to take all sides coming together to have the

difficult conversations needed to move forward. Cal Poly Humboldt must be a campus where all faiths and students of all backgrounds feel safe, respected, and included. This has not been the case for Humboldt's Jewish students and others over the past week.

As protests continue in other parts of the state and nation, it's important to remember that reasonable ideas don't have to be in conflict — we can call for hostages to be immediately released and mourn every single one of the thousands of innocent lives lost; we can condemn violent actions and call for peace in the region. We're stronger as a community when we learn from our differences and where we've been, and move forward together."

—North Coast state Sen. Mike McGuire and Assemblymember Jim Wood
in a joint statement.

"The Cal Poly Humboldt Chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA), a labor union that represents teaching, counseling, library, and coaching faculty of the California State University System, condemn last night's actions of Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) Administration as yet another dangerous escalation of their response to a peaceful campus demonstration.

Just after 9:30 p.m., Monday, April 29, a multi-agency force of law enforcement descended on campus. For over five hours law enforcement threatened the use of chemical agents and kinetic projectiles via loudspeaker to disperse the crowd gathered on the quad. At approximately 3:30 a.m. law enforcement began to arrest peaceful student and faculty protesters sitting in a circle. At least one member of the press was arrested.

CFA Humboldt strongly condemns the use of law enforcement to clear the quad. Over the course of the last week, student protesters have continued to ask for negotiations with CPH administration, in order to have a peaceful resolution to the protest. These are the actions of conscientious individuals working to end a genocide, not the actions of criminals as President Jackson and Sheriff Honsal repeatedly called the student-protestors. University communications describe

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this morning's law enforcement action as "necessary to restore order and to address the lawlessness and dangerous conditions that had developed," though, the only danger was that imposed by the threat of police action. The statement further minimized the students' brave actions to bring light to ongoing genocide by calling the sit-in a criminal activity and not free-expression or protest.

As these protests grow in number across the United States and across the world, underscoring the collective will and power of student organizing, one truth included in the statement is that administration feared this protest would encourage more students to think of the university as their own. Even now, there is a hard closure in place and residents on campus are directed to 'NOT walk across campus.'

The environment of fear that the threat of police violence created has reverberated across campus and continues even now. All students were afraid to move freely about the campus, not because of protestors, but because of the threat of police action, including arrest. The alert to shelter in place that went out at 3 and 4:06 a.m. stressed that due to a level of increased criminal activity, it was dangerous to be on campus. But the protesters did the same thing they had been doing for a week: making signs, sharing music, praying, chanting in support of Palestine. The only difference this time was the impending police action — that is what made campus dangerous in the early hours of this morning.

"CFA Humboldt demand the following:

- Immediate release of all students and faculty arrested last night.
- Immediately reinstate any students suspended due to participation in the protests
- No academic sanctions for participants of the protest over the last week.
- Barriers to Campus need to be immediately removed and campus needs to be reopened. All members of the university community need access to campus.

- President Jackson must release a statement calling for a immediate ceasefire, taking note of College of the Redwoods President Keith Flamer's statement to President Joe Biden
- Accountability from administration whose negotiations with students led students to believe there would be meaningful action on their conscientious demands

The actions over the last week by CPH administration have eroded the trust of faculty, staff, students, and the larger Humboldt community. The campus community cannot begin to heal until our demands are met."

—The California Faculty Association
Humboldt Executive Board

"The law enforcement action at Cal Poly Humboldt was essential to reestablishing order on campus. When someone commits a crime and infringes on the rights of others, it becomes necessary for law enforcement to step in. I'm grateful to the agencies and officers who contributed to bringing safety back to our campus. I understand the widespread frustration caused by the campus closure, threatening behavior, and lawlessness we've witnessed over the past week. By restoring order, we've sent a clear message that the criminal and dangerous activities we experienced were not peaceful protests, but outright criminal behavior, which is unacceptable."

—Humboldt County Sheriff
William Honsal

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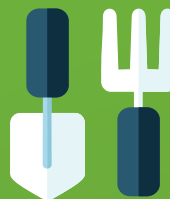
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‘On Siemens Hall Hill’

How an eight-day occupation at Cal Poly Humboldt divided campus

By Thadeus Greenson
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When a group of several dozen protesters entered Siemens Hall on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus shortly before 5 p.m. on April 22, they say they had no intention of grinding the university’s operations to a halt. Standing on the campus quad, which was barricaded on all sides with makeshift blockades crafted out of segments of fencing, chairs, tables, dumpsters, newspaper racks, picnic benches and other debris chained together, a woman who would only identify herself as Trillium says the plan had been to start with a seder dinner.

Trillium says a “big group” had gotten together the day before, wanting to plan some kind of action that would draw attention to the growing humanitarian crisis in the war in Gaza. Because a number of the group members are Jewish, Trillium says they supported the idea of doing something to coincide with the Passover holiday that would bring awareness to the ongoing war and the devastation it was causing, and show people of multiple faiths standing together in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

So they entered the building with matzah ball soup, bitter herbs and other components of the meal.

“We were planning to have a sit-in, an open occupation,” Trillium says, noting that, as they envisioned it, the direct action wouldn’t encroach on classrooms and would leave the building open for students and administrators to come and go. “I went out to get supplies and



when I came back, there was a riot squad outside.”

It’s unclear exactly what happened in the first exchanges between police and the protesters, but police attempted to clear the building, evacuating five classrooms, and then ordering protesters to leave. When they refused, police prepared to remove them. As police readied outside, the protesters attempted to barricade the doors in an effort to “protect the space,” Trillium says.

What ensued, captured on video by local reporter Ryan Hutson, was ugly. Police with riot shields tried to push through the building’s main entrance, which opens on the quad, and protesters pushed back, causing a scrum at the doors. A protester can be seen in the video using an empty 5-gallon plastic water jug to hit a helmet-clad officer over the head, while an officer can be seen swinging his baton into the crowd and another officer delivers multiple blows with his elbow. Protesters yell, “Get the fuck out,” in the background over the din of screams and shouts of,

“You’re beating students.” The officers then slowly retreat.

Outside, the situation escalated into a tense standoff, with students and community members trying to form a human shield between officers and those inside Siemens Hall. Officers were called in from multiple local agencies and a California Highway Patrol helicopter circled overhead. The university, meanwhile, announced campus would be closed for the next two days, stressing it was “deeply worried about the safety of the students who remain in the building.”

Then shortly before 11 p.m., someone apparently made the call for officers to stand down, and they disbanded, leaving the center of campus to the protesters. Numerous *Journal* inquiries to the university and the California State Chancellor’s Office asking who was in command of the law enforcement action that night have not been answered.

By morning, Siemens Hall’s four entrances were thoroughly blockaded, and a community group Humboldt for Palestine

relayed occupiers’ reported demands: that the university divest from all ties to “Zionist” entities and companies complicit in the “occupation of Palestine;” that it cut ties with Israeli universities; that it call for an immediate ceasefire; and that it drop all “charges and attacks on” student organizers.

The occupation had begun.

The ensuing week would cause — or in some cases perhaps just widen — deep divisions on campus.

Faculty and staff were sharply critical of administrators handling of the initial protest and the decision to have police clear the building, and their ensuing decision to close campus through May 10, moving all courses and finals online, creating chaos for teachers and students alike.

In a no-confidence vote in President Tom Jackson Jr. and his chief of staff Mark Johnson on April 25, the Humboldt General Faculty Union would criticize what they deemed an “disproportionate police



A barricade on the Cal Poly Humboldt Campus on the seventh day of protests demanding a ceasefire in the Gaza war.

Photo by Mark Larson

response” that created “unnecessary escalation,” and demanded the university not pursue disciplinary actions or criminal charges against any students connected to the protests. The same day, in an interview with the *Times-Standard*, Jackson said protesters contining to occupy portions of campus weren’t “there for noble causes,” calling them “criminals.”

The same day, other campus administrators met with protesters to discuss their demands and concerns. Administrators informed them that the university’s investments follow an “environmentally and socially responsible” strategy crafted in 2014 with student input. Because most of the university’s investments are in mutual funds — bundles of stocks and interests in many different companies — they said it was hard to come up with precise numbers, but estimated “conservatively” that less than 1 percent of its more than \$51 million portfolio is in potential defense investments or Israeli companies and orga-

nizations. While the university is committed to global engagement, administrators said it does not currently have any ties to Israeli universities. As to dropping charges against organizers, officials reported said there would be consequences for those who violate the law or university policy, though those could be mitigated some for students who elected to leave Siemens Hall on their own accord. On the subject of calling for a ceasefire, the university proved unwilling to go that far, instead issuing a statement that it is “supportive of a peaceful and just world which affords the opportunity for all human beings to flourish and achieve their potential.”

Some progress, it seemed, was being made, and the university issued a press release April 26 noting the protests had “elevated a remarkable number of important questions, opened a space for difficult, meaningful conversation.” Several hours later, it began sending notices of sus-

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pension to students identified as having participated in the occupation of Siemens Hall or who were camping adjacent to it. That afternoon it gave students a three-hour safe harbor timeframe to leave the campus buildings without facing arrest, so long as they registered with officials upon their exit with no guarantee they wouldn't face disciplinary action.

Mad River Community Hospital was apparently so alarmed at what might happen, fearing a mass injury event might follow the end of this safe exit period, that it instated a partial hospital lockdown, preparing for an influx of patients that never came.

That evening, those occupying Siemens Hall opened it to the public, and a stream of community members and students toured through the building the occupation of which had been the subject of pervasive debate and discord for days. While structural damage to the building seemed fairly minimal. Graffiti was widespread in certain areas, especially Jackson's office, where someone had scrawled "Blood on Your Hands" in blue spray paint over a wall hanging and "I Will Live Free or Die Trying"



Protesters sitting in a circle holding onto one another as officers arrest them one by one in the upper quad at Cal Poly Humboldt on April 30.

Photo by Alexander Anderson

in green on a door on the opposite wall. "U R Ugly" had been painted on an office mirror.

In the building's main second story hallway, someone had written "Cops Beat Students Here," in Sharpie, with the words

"Free Gaza," "Divest" and "Stop Genocide" also appearing in various locations.

While the administration had raised concerns that confidential files housed in the building could be compromised by the occupation, no such evidence was reported. According to the faculty union, nearly all administrative offices in the building remained securely locked.

Around 12:30 p.m. the following day, Saturday, April 27, the university advised faculty and staff that the campus was being put under a "hard" closure. Students living in residence halls would be allowed to remain, but would be restricted to their residences and dining halls, while all others would face citation or arrest for being on campus. An increased law enforcement presence was then seen on campus. Protesters re-established the barricades blocking the entrances to Siemens Hall, with an unknown number of inside.

Tensions again began to ramp up among protesters who said they expected another police enforcement action was imminent.

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CPH's pro-Palestinian protest, of course, did not come in a vacuum. It instead grew as a part of scores of similar occupations and protests on college campuses across the nation. Even on the Arcata campus, views diverged sharply about the propriety of the protests and administration's response to them.

A Jewish student interviewed by the *Journal* said they found the graffiti spray painted on some campus buildings reading "From the River to the Sea" offensive, saying they believed it to be a call to destroy Israel or even kill or run off its Jewish inhabitants. Another, however, said they just saw it as a call for freedom for Palestinians, saying it didn't bother them. Both declined to be identified.

On the other end of campus, in front of one of the CPH gateway entry signs, a woman in a white dress and platform heels posed in a mortar board hat with a bottle of Champagne for photos, apparently resigned to miss graduation day.

Over by the residence halls, a freshman ecology student who declined to be identified, said she'd been unnerved by the occupation, noting she had to pass through a blockade to make it from her room to the market hall and it felt unsafe. She said she tried to engage with protesters to understand their views. "Some were nice," she said, adding others were not. Her friend, a wildlife conservation major who also declined to be identified, said she suffers from anxiety and had basically spent the last week holed up in her room on campus afraid to leave. Both say they feel administration has acted appropriately faced with a challenging situation.

The ecology major's mother, up from Lake County to pick her up, said she grew concerned watching the scene unfold from afar in the news and via social media.

"Protesting is supposed to be peaceful and vandalizing things isn't peaceful," she said, reflecting on her feelings. "It was stressful."

Launa Wyrd, an Arcata resident, felt differently. She said she saw news about the police crackdown of protesters on April 22 and came to campus the next morning to see what was happening. She became inspired.

"What's happening here is incredible," she said, adding that she eventually set up a tent as a part of the occupying encampment Sunday. "I kept coming back because I see what these people are doing and the world they're trying to create. ... I'm here because I live a mile away and felt my community needed me, and I feel the world needs us."

Asked about administration's response

to the protests, Wyrd says it has been disproportionate, noting she and others have been declared "criminals" for gathering in a space in front of the student activities building the university recently renamed Gutswurak, the Wiyot word meaning "gathering place." But most of all, Wyrd says she's mystified Jackson had seemingly made no attempts to speak to protesters directly.

"Come and have a cup of tea with us — come see what we're about," she says.

On the quad in the heart of the occupied area, a student looking at her phone almost bumps into a friend. "I'm in a Zoom class right now talking about what to do if we get arrested," she says with a chuckle.

Over by the Mutual Aid Kitchen and a nearby medical tent, Trillium says this space — shared among protesting students and folks like Wyrd — has become a community.

"We've been able to feed hundreds of people three meals a day," she says, noting that the effort has been entirely volunteer-led and donation based. "It sounds cheesy but the power of home and the power of love and the power of community — I've felt that so strongly this past week."

Asked about administration's response to the protests, Trillium says it's been a gross overreaction with reverberating impacts, noting none of the protesters wanted to stop people from celebrating their graduation or going to class.

"I would like my classes to be ongoing," she says. "My original plan was to come hang out at Siemens Hall between classes."

As to what she's hoping the occupation can attain, Trillium says different people have different aims, though she's hoping it can be one of a growing number of voices that could make a ceasefire in Gaza possible.

"I don't want to die on Siemens Hall hill," she says. "I don't care about Tom Jackson. I mean, he sucks and everyone knows it, but I'm here to stand with Palestine, and it's incredible to feel part of something bigger. ... I don't need everyone to lock arms with me but I do want them to give us a chance."

Around 9 p.m. on April 29 — just a handful of hours after Trillium and Wyrd spoke to the *Journal* on the campus quad — patrol vehicles showed up at the already blockaded entrances to CPH, and various other locations throughout campus, their megaphones blaring a recording on repeat.

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Officers from multiple departments attempt to gain entry into Siemens Hall on April 22 with protesters barricaded inside.

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"Break up this assembly and leave the area," it said. "If you do not do so, you may be arrested. You may also be subject to other police action, including the use of kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents."

Coming on the heels of rumors throughout that large out-of-area law enforcement convoys had been spotted heading to Humboldt County north on U.S. Highway 101 and west from Redding, the megaphone announcements seemed a clear sign that an enforcement action was imminent. But it wasn't until about five hours later — after busloads of police officers had arrived from more than a dozen agencies — that officers moved in.

First there were the sounds of chainsaws and power tools as officers disassembled the blockades and moved to surround the quad, where a couple dozen protesters had sat in a circle with interlocked arms chanting pro-Palestinian phrases. One by one, the officers began pulling the protesters to their feet, zip tying their hands and detaining them for processing.

After a handful of protesters were taken into custody, a line of dozens of officers in full riot gear began moving forward, shoulder to shoulder, batons in hand, physically clearing onlookers and media from the quad area. Police continued on until they'd pushed them through library circle and off campus, repeating "clear the area."

A CPH press release several hours later reported about 25 people were arrested "without incident," adding "there were

no injuries." Online jail booking reports, however, only list four people booked into the jail, including Wyrd.

The press release includes a quote from Jackson, his first to local media or the campus community (other than the *Times-Standard* interview) addressing the situation.

"This is a difficult day, it breaks my heart to see it, and truly nobody wanted to see things come to this," he said. "We've all watched this with great concern, and always with the sincere hope that it would be resolved peacefully. Unfortunately, serious criminal activity that crossed the line well beyond the level of a protest had put the campus at ongoing risk. I commend the law enforcement team for their effort in resolving this very dangerous situation, and I'm incredibly grateful for the many agencies who advised us and who came to our aid in our time of need. I'm also very grateful for our many staff members who performed far and above their normal duties to help us protect the campus and maintain operations. Our focus for the entire time has been on doing all we could do to protect the safety of all involved, and we were very patient and very disciplined with that."

Within hours of the news release, the local faculty association chapter had issued a statement condemning the clearing of campus as "another dangerous escalation." ●

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Mexican Restaurants Support English Express for Cinco de Mayo

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill
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Before Mary Ann Hytken found space to hold classes and establish the local nonprofit English Express, she says, she made do in Mexican markets. “I had a little folding chair and table, and I would give one-on-one English lessons.” She also taught ESL in the more conventional classrooms of College of the Redwoods. Then, she says, one summer the class was canceled and her students asked her to keep teaching. So she found a free room at the Jefferson Community Center. “I had 28 years teaching experience and no funds,” she says.

Eventually, Hytken established English Express as a nonprofit under the Ink People’s DreamMaker Program, and when students expressed a need for help with U.S. citizenship test preparation, Elizabeth Niemeyer joined the team to teach a class on the exam’s 100 civics questions. Since its inception in 2016, some 500 English Express students, many of them native Spanish speakers, have attended its free classes. On May 5, Mexican restaurant owners who recognize the nonprofit’s importance in the community — some of them students themselves — are giving back with a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser, donating a percentage of the day’s sales.

Seventeen restaurants from McKinleyville to Garberville are sharing a portion of their Cinco de Mayo sales with English Express. It’s a long list, but raising the cash to keep the free classes going is a tall order. Hytken estimates the total running cost at about \$70,000 per year, between materials, space (though some rooms are provided free), teacher hours, administrative work, the interpreter/translator who also acts as IT support for the Chromebooks students borrow at no cost for online classes. Like many nonprofits, she says, English Express has had difficulty of late. “Grants were smaller coming in and one funder stopped

funding just because they’re working on other areas,” she says. But Hytken says it’s vital the classes, both ESL and citizenship, remain free for the students — many of them Spanish speaking, with a growing number of Afghani and Southeast Asian students — and help them connect with information and services they might not otherwise have access to. “We are the only non-profit program in Humboldt County offering this all under one roof,” she says. And as with the English Express’ food truck fundraiser a couple years ago, some of the participating business owners are current or former students, while others see the value of the program in their community.

Letty Gonzales, who owns the Patron Kitchen with her husband Gerardo, has taken classes for about three years, mostly online. While she remains shy about her English and prefers employee Carina Sanabria translate while speaking to the *Journal*, she says the classes have helped her with work and allowed her to open her business. Before English Express, classes were difficult to find. She’s also seen friends and the parents of her daughter’s friends benefit from the program. It has, she says, helped them navigate work and communicate with their children’s teachers. For Letty, the impact on her community is worth donating a portion of the receipts from Cinco de Mayo, typically a busy day for Mexican restaurants. The day may be that much busier given the specials: a taco trio plate, a burrito Mexicana with asada cooked in tomato and onions, and a torta Mexicana stuffed with egg, chorizo and ham.

Humboldt born and bred, Hytken earned her teaching certification at Humboldt State University and has taught ESL in Tanzania and San Diego. But, she says, “This is home and I love introducing

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Gerardo and Letty Gonzales, owners of the Patron Kitchen, with their daughter Vanessa.
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students to Humboldt, the resources, the field trips, everything.” After teaching ESL classes in Rio Dell, Redway, Miranda, McKinleyville and Fortuna, “It’s wonderful to have these connections.”

Restaurants participating in the English Express Cinco de Mayo fundraiser include: in McKinleyville, Carmela’s Mexican Restaurant (1701 Central Ave.), Luzmila’s Mexican Restaurant (1751 Central Ave.); in Arcata, Carmela’s Mexican Restaurant (1288 G St.), El Chipotle (850 Crescent Way), Fiesta Grill & Cantina (3525 Janes Road) and Valley Azteca Mexican Restaurant (5000 Valley West Blvd.); in Eureka, El Fogon Costeño Mexican Food (518 Henderson St.), Fiesta Café & Cantina (823 Broadway), Las Michoacanas Mexican Restaurant (1111 Fifth St.), Los Gallos Taqueria (3300 Broadway), Luis’s Mexican

Restaurant (946 West Ave.), Pachanga Mexicana Restaurant (1802 Fifth St.); in Fortuna, El Paisano Mexican Taqueria (1095 S. Fortuna Blvd.), La Costa Mexican Restaurant (664 S. Fortuna Blvd.), Locha’s Mexican Restaurant (751 S. Fortuna Blvd.); in Rio Dell, the Patron Kitchen (70 Wildwood Ave.), and in Garberville, El Cora Mexican Restaurant (445 Conger St.).

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Making change: Booze

By Jennifer Savage

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Let's talk about alcohol, creator of (sometimes toxic) relationships, (occasional over-) sharer of secrets, balm to some (destroyer of many). Welcome to the final installment of Making Change, a six-week series on the hows and whys of personal, social and political change.

I type this from Ottawa, where I'm with people from frontline communities and Indigenous rights groups fighting to end toxic plastic production. I type this between reading updates on the student protests happening across the nation, including at Cal Poly Humboldt, and news stories that invoke despair. How to wrap this series of essays in a way that means something? I could write a guide on influencing people using Cialdini's Six Principles of Persuasion (reciprocity, scarcity, authority, commitment and consistency, liking and consensus — worth a Google). And yet, I land in the same place I started: Strengthening yourself from within improves your chances of making change in the world around you.

So, booze. You may be someone like my husband. He'll spend a couple hours at the Shanty nursing a drink or two or drinking club soda because to him the point is the socializing, not getting smashed. What a superpower. Maybe you buy nice bottles of whiskey and those bottles last you months, and are something you savor instead of inhale. Amazing. What a thing, to be one of the lucky humans whose DNA does not predisposition to dependence. For you, a fun read would be Edward Slingerland's *Drunk: How We Sipped, Danced and Stumbled Our Way to Civilization*, a science-based, rollicking ode to how alcohol has factored into human evolution. (I do not know why, in our booze-heavy

culture that already promotes drinking at every turn, such a book was needed, but there it is.) Even Slingerland, in his worship of the drink, takes pains to note that how we drink now — hard liquor, high ABV beers and wines, constantly — differs from the historical ways in which humans consumed alcohol and thus can often be an agent of harm. But that acknowledgment arrives late. If the reader is someone for whom pain and drinking already intertwine, I would fling this book out the window.

Because even as I roll up on three years of sobriety this June, *Drunk* teases me into thinking maybe a full life requires drinking. It stokes my fear of being boring, reminds me that I'm never invited out to drinks anymore and how I miss the happy hour camaraderie, of the loneliness of being left out of the toast — of being left out. This is dangerous because my brain will not shut up, ever, and so I'm required to find constructive ways to quiet it, none of which work as quickly and effectively as a bucket of whiskey or bottle of wine. (It's really fucking challenging to have a brain like this sometimes.) But talking about sobriety is to accept a certain risk of being thought a vibe-killer. Nonetheless, I make this offering.

Book rec: *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober* by Catherine Grey

Anyone who has partied with me over the years knows I was very fun to drink with. Until I wasn't. Read *Blackout* by Sarah Hepola, *Quitter* by Erica Barnett, *Lit* by Mary Karr or *The Recovering* by Leslie Jamison, and you will find echoes of me in them all. I wasn't blind to the benefits quitting drinking would bring. I just couldn't quite break the habit of incorporating alcohol into everything I did. Until I could. Catherine Grey's *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober* helped, was the right

book at the right time.

Most drinking memoirs follow a pattern of rollicking drunken tales, self-effacing and sharply told, followed by, "and then I went to AA," at which point the story's shine often fades. But *Unexpected Joy* is the first one I read that focused on exactly what the title promised, that sobriety would bring more happiness into one's life rather than "merely" purge the pain-guilt-regret cycle excessive drinking brings.

Before quitting, I would never have believed that life without booze could feel this right. I didn't use the word "quitting" at first. I just focused on surviving the first week, then the first month, then 100 days, then six months. At some point, I stopped eating so many donuts and forgot to think about how I wasn't drinking. Turns out this effort is as much about what I've gained as about what I've given up.

Here is the happymaking: The not being hungover. The not struggling to remember what happened, what I said. Better management of my feelings. The inability of those I may be mad at to no longer invalidate my anger with, "You were drunk." Never worrying about driving. The reward that comes with deliberate intimacy instead of drunken. The joy of having done the hard thing, the hope that comes from that. Being a better mom. What a sensation, these moments of being pleased with myself.

Here is what I do instead of day fade on the weekends: surf, hike, walk on the beach, crosswords, long-postponed projects around the house with groove-inducing pop songs blasting. Sometimes I write a card to a friend or craft a blog post in hopes of connecting. I go to bed feeling good and wake up imbued with hope. Maybe I write a series of columns

that I hope might serve as small beacons to those in need of light.

Here is what I do to maintain friendships: Invite friends for walks or hikes or lunch, and give them my full attention, ask thoughtful questions, open my heart and life to them, none of the pleasure lessened for a lack of booze.

Here is how I maintain a social life: I still meet people for drinks, sometimes, but I suggest places that have fancy NA options, or I make sure to have an exit plan in case I find myself itchy. I host dinner parties and tell people to bring their own booze, which I'm happy to supply glasses for. I show up for outdoor interpretive walks or volunteer events or stand on the dunes and talk story with the surfers. I wander the farmers market and Arts Alive and run into people I know and chat for a bit and it's lovely, and then I move on. I find pleasure in crafting a more deliberate, more rewarding way of being in the world.

When I go out now, I still dance and laugh and get real with people. I listen instead of eyeing the bar thinking about getting my next drink. When I feel depleted, I leave rather than use drink after drink to drive my exhausted self through the motions. When I'm overwhelmed by a workday, I go outside or to the gym, or meet a friend. I know my friendships are real now — I know my *feelings* are real now — because they have survived honestly in the outside world, the one we're all striving to make better.



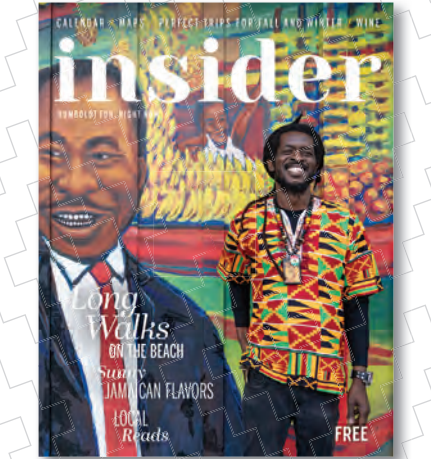
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Nightlife

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THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	The Alley Cats (jazz) 8 p.m.-midnight Free	FireSign (classic rock) 9 p.m. \$5	Buddy Reed and th' Fabulous Rip it Ups (blues) 9 p.m. \$5		
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CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free			[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m., [W] Karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Free
CHER-AE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611			Firewater Lounge: UFC 301 7 p.m.		[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Up in Joke! Comedy Open Mic 8-10 p.m. Free	Smoke N' Joke Comedy Night 7 p.m. \$5		Open Mic Night (15-minute time slot) 6:30 p.m. Free	[M] Pete's Projecting Again! (comedy/variety) 7-9 p.m. \$5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. \$10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
EUREKA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL 1018 H St. (707) 443-5341					[T] Humboldt Comedy Open Mic 7-10 p.m. Free
HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 139 Second St., Eureka (707) 444-3344		Phatsy Kline's: FROGBITE (rockin' originals) 6-8:30 p.m. Free			[T] Baywater Blues Fusion Dance 7:15-9:15 p.m. \$5-\$15 sliding, free for kids 12 and under
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THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake		<i>Logger Love Stories</i> (theater) 6 p.m. \$20	<i>Logger Love Stories</i> (theater) 6 p.m. \$20	<i>Logger Love Stories</i> (theater) 4 p.m. \$20	
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MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA - MCKINLEYVILLE 1500 Anna Sparks Way, (707) 203-8500					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
OUTER SPACE ARCATA 837 H St. (707) 633-9160	Crooked Teeth, Marble Jar, Think Tank (pop punk, rock) 7:30 p.m. \$10			CD Ghost, Your Local Flora, Bleater (synth pop, indie folk, forest) 7 p.m. \$10-\$20	
PAPA WHEELIES PUB 1584 Reasor Rd., McKinleyville, (707) 630-5084			Live Music TBA 6-9 p.m.		
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Desperados Under the Eaves

By Collin Yeo

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My serotonin levels are shot from reading too much of our local and national news, and, even worse, the responses in the comments section. The old adage “history is written by the winners” raises the obvious question, “Well then, what do the losers write?” As far as I can tell, the answer is comments, op-eds, and social media posts gleefully supporting scores of cops arresting students and faculty for having the temerity to protest one of the worst actions of collective punishment against a civilian population in this still-new century. Oh no, some of them even sprayed graffiti and used Arabic words like “intifada!” Better send in the Kevlar Cossacks to beat things back to order.

Nothing is perfect, we don’t live in a black and white world of easy answers, but you have failed a pretty basic Voight-Kampff test of human empathy if you have gotten more upset about the style and fervor of resistance of some college students and professional academics than you have of the notion of endless months of people being ground into charred, screaming rubble by some of the finest creations from the endless production line of the American killing industry. There was a time when people actually got upset about war profiteering and taking influence money from foreign governments. Now it’s a prerequisite for higher office.

I don’t want to talk about this anymore, other than to say that I am very proud of anyone of conscience who stuck their necks out to state what is obvious, that this is all very wrong. It probably won’t end anytime soon, or even in our lifetimes, and will likely get even worse, but that doesn’t mean it wasn’t right to speak up for the idea of a better world for all of humanity. There

are no perfect ways to express the obvious, but that should never stop those of you out there who recognize the wrongs of this world from speaking up anyway. Thank you all.

Thursday

The Arcata Chamber of Commerce presents its First-Thursday mixer at 5:30 p.m., a free event open to the public at rotating venues. This month’s edition is happening at Urban Market Dispensary, with live music provided by **Oryan Peterson-Jones**. Two hours later it’s pop-punk night at the Outer Space, with **Crooked Teeth**, **Marble Jar** and **Think Tank** bringing the beats for those bopping on the floor. As always, this is an all-ages, sober event, with an asking price of \$10 at the door.

Friday

Casper Allen is a traveling country and folk singer-songwriter who has pulled off the eternally eerie gift of possessing an old man’s voice and bearing in a young man’s body. Originally from Texas, he is a touring road dog of the first degree and worth an evening of your time, which you can enjoy at Synapsis at 8 p.m. (\$20). **Clyde McGee** from Bridge City Sinners is a good choice as an opener.

Saturday

Two shows on tonight’s docket, both happening at roughly the same hour of 7 p.m. They are celebrating Arts Alive at Siren’s Song in Eureka with Oakland’s clean and bluesy garage band **The Hell Tones**, along with local guitar slingers **Red Hot Shame**. No word on the cover charge as of press time, so bring a pocketful of change.

Meanwhile at the Jam, \$10 gets you admission to a full and lively local lineup



CD Ghost plays the Outer Space at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

Photo courtesy of the artists

in the form of critical darlings **The Critics**, **Crash Monroe** and punk powerhouse **Brain Dead Rejects**.

Sunday

The Outer Space is in this space yet again this week, this time with a touring band from Los Angeles called **CD Ghost**, who play a synthy dance pop dirge cycle of music that will tickle the brain tendrils of any 80’s New Wave fans out there at 7 p.m., (\$10-\$20 suggested). Also on board are local organic indie and folk creators **Bleater** and **Local Fauna**.

Monday

Can’t complain about a cumbia night on a Monday, especially in May, when Humboldt starts to unfurl its evening petals in deference to the nicer weather. The Miniplex is the place to be, and this ticket is HOT. Too-good-to-be-real local masters **Makenu** are bringing their deliriously joyful party sound to the stage, along with punk/cumbia hybrid act **Tropa Magica**. Doors are at 8 p.m., and I would suggest trying to snag one of the \$17 advance tickets because this one will likely sell out, and who knows how many \$20 door tickets will be available by the time the music kicks in.

Tuesday

St. Rita’s Amazing Traveling Bookstore and Textural Apothecary is a large van brimming with books ready to be perused, purchased and loved, by the curious public. Mobile bookstores have always intrigued me — who doesn’t love a portable library? You can check out the literary wares at two locations today, outside of Booklegger books at 10 a.m., and over at the Sanctuary around 7 p.m. Worth remembering that the Catholic St. Rita of Cascia is the patron saint of — among many other things — loneliness, a condition which I have held off time and again with a book.

Wednesday

Savage Henry Comedy Club is debuting a new show tonight at 9 p.m. **Senor Molina’s La Loteria Madness** kind of says it all but, just to be clear, this is a comedy show hosted by **Nando Molina** where the comedic cues will all come from a deck of those delightful, Tarot-adjacent random chance cards so beloved to many in the gaming world going back centuries (Free). ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) is an Earthling.

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Step into the past at the **Clarke Historical Museum's "A Night at the Museum"** on **Friday, May 3**, from **6 to 9 p.m.** (\$75). This immersive costume gala and digital fundraiser benefits the Native American wing, Nealis Hall. Guests will be treated to live historical characters, cultural demonstrations produced by Shirley Laos and a Regalia Dress Walk narrated by Rachel Sundberg. The evening also features musical performances, canapes and themed cocktails. Visit clarkemuseum.org/night-at-the-museum.html for more information.



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Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month at the **Eureka Chinatown Street Festival** on **Saturday, May 4**, from **4 to 9 p.m.** at **Clarke Plaza** (free). The event, held in front of the Clarke Historical Museum, features lion dancers, performances by local Asian artists and food trucks serving Asian cuisine. Visitors can immerse themselves in the festivities and learn more about the history of Eureka's Chinatown. For more information, visit clarkemuseum.org.

2 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

BOOKS

The Basket Rattle Book Release Party. 7 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Shadow puppeteer Sean Powers' memoir in stories about his 40-year pursuit of 100 musical instruments, their cultures and related life experiences. Free.

LECTURE

Supering, Nectar Flow and Honey Production. 6-8 p.m. Dewey Caron covers honey harvesting and how to make sure you have a successful harvest. Free. cause4paws@yahoo.com. humboldtbeekeepers.org/permalink/7393528974015595. (707) 444-8804.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 3-6 p.m. Headwaters Forest Reserve, End of Elk River Road, 6 miles off U.S. Highway 101, Eureka. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Transportation available for Eureka residents. Pre-register by calling (707) 382-5338, or find out more at eurekaheroes.org. Free. chaskell@eurekaca.gov. eurekaheroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

3 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

DANCE

International Folk Dance Party. First Friday of every month, 8-10:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. Easy dances and an evening of international music with Chubritza and the Balkan Music Meetup. All ages and dance levels welcome. \$5-\$10 sliding, no one turned away for lack of funds. kurumada@humboldt.edu. humboldtfolkdancers.org. (707) 496-6734.

MUSIC

Cal Poly Humboldt University Singers and the Humboldt Chorale. 8 p.m. Eureka High School Auditorium, 1915 J St. The CPH School of Dance, Music and Theater presents the chorale led by choral director Rachel Samet. The concert includes compositions from across cultures and musical eras, and expresses perspectives on the idea of "home." \$10, \$5 children, free for CPH students w/ID.

Community Song Circles. First Friday of every month, 4 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Learn songs from a variety of traditions by call-and-response, and sing for the joy. Led by Maggie McKnight. Every first and third Friday of the month. Free. connect@huuf.org. huuf.org/worship/music-and-choir/. (707) 822-3793.

Humboldt Steel Pan and Percussion Festival. 6-10 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. More than 300 performers from local steel pan groups and percussion groups, from community groups to school bands, play three days of Calypso, reggae, jazz, samba, taiko, West African and Hindustani music. Donation. humboldtsteelpan@gmail.com. steelpanfest.com.

Frankster's Ball. 8 p.m. Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St.,

Arcata. Celebrating the 60th anniversary of The Merry Pranksters trek across the U.S. \$30. humboldt brews.com.

THEATER

Logger Love Stories. 6 p.m. The Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Inspired by encounters that have happened in the bar. Presented by Longshadr Productions. \$20. facebook.com/LoggerBar.

EVENTS

A Night At The Museum. 6-9 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. Costume gala, immersive cultural experience and digital fundraiser. Benefits the Native American wing Nealis Hall. Live historical characters, cultural demonstrations produced by Shirley Laos and Regalia Dress Walk narrated by Rachel Sundberg. Musical performances, canapes and themed cocktails. \$75. lelehnia@clarkemuseum.org. clarkemuseum.org/night-at-the-museum.html. (707) 443-1947.

Wildflower Show. 2-8 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Hundreds of fresh labeled wildflowers and wetland plants at the 42nd annual event. Art Night: Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. Draw or paint fresh native flowers with help from elder artists. Some supplies available, or bring your own. Learn about invasive plants and bring your wild plants for experts to ID. Pop-up talks throughout the weekend. Free. northcoastcnps.org/wildflower-show/.

Eco Mingle. 4-7 p.m. Sequoia Conference Center, 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Meet with local organizations, catch film screenings, eat food and more. Free. sequoiacenter.net.

Veterans' Spring Craft Bazaar. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building, 1100 Main St. Featuring more than 25 local vendors and artisans. Lunch, snacks and drinks. Free admission.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments,

crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Tiempo de Cuentos en español/ Storytime in Spanish. 3:30-4 p.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. ¡Cultiven la alfabetización temprana y bilingüismo en sus niños con cuentos, canciones, rimas y diversión! Todos son bienvenidos, mejor diseñado para edades 2-6 años. Aproximadamente 20-30 minutos Spanish Storytime is geared towards growing early literacy skills in young children and bilingualism. Best-suited for 2-6 year-olds but everyone is welcome. Storytime includes stories, songs, and fun! Approx. 20-30 min. Free/Gratis. (707) 725-3460.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldt.gov.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

FOOD

Garberville Farmers' Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Garberville Town Square, Church Street. Meat, eggs, produce, oysters, plants, mushrooms, jam, hot food and art. (707) 441-9999.

La Comida Nos Une Spring Event. 1-5 p.m. Cal Poly Humboldt, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. A food celebration and a screening of *Las Kitchenistas*, a virtual panel of Kitchenista participants and staff, food demonstrations, as well as a panel of local speakers. Free. comida@humboldt.edu. comida.humboldt.edu/. (707) 826-4064.

GARDEN

Humboldt Botanical Garden Plant Sale. 3-7 p.m. Humboldt Botanical Garden, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, College of the Redwoods campus, north entrance, Eureka. Browse native plants, perennials, ferns, roses, succulents, herbs and more. Bring your boxes. Membership can be purchased at the gate, online or by phone. hbgf.org. (707) 442-5139.

MEETINGS

Community Women's Circle. First Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Monthly meeting to gather in sisterhood. (707) 633-3143.

Language Exchange Meetup. First Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Familia Coffee, 1350 Ninth St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. familiacoffees.com/. (925) 214-8099.

ETC

Erotic Salon. First Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Earthbody Psychotherapy Services, 350 E St. Suite 302, Eureka. Exploring healthy expression and being. Discuss, process and explore monthly topics. All orientations welcome. Pre-sale tickets only. \$20-\$40. earthbodypsychotherapy.com/erotic-salon.

First Friday Market Series. First Friday of every month, 4-7 p.m. Herb & Market Humboldt, 427 H St., Arcata. Music, food trucks, artisans and more. Must have a doctor's recommendation or be over the age of 21 to enter. Free. Herbandmarket@gmail.com. (707) 630-4221.

4 Saturday

ART

Arts Alive. First Saturday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Historic Old Town Eureka, Second Street. Art, and a heap of it, plus live music. All around Old Town and Downtown, Eureka. Free. eurekainstreet.org. (707) 442-9054.

Maker Faire Skill Share. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Abbey of the

Redwoods' Sea Goat Farmstand, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Food, live music and craft fair with demos and workshops. Free entry. seagoatmakerspace@gmail.com. seagoatfarmstand.com/maker-faire-skill-share. (707) 382-2427.

An Overview of Traditional Yurok Basketry. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Shirley Laos presents a talk on basket weaving and materials, with examples of local native work, assisted by her granddaughter Isobel Childs. Free. northcoastcnps.org/wildflower-show/.

Pottery and Glass Spring Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. Locally made mugs, plates, bowls, planters, vases, art work and more. fireartsarcata.com.

LECTURE

"Bold Venture or Boondoggle? The Bear Harbor Railroad". 2:30-3:30 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. Humboldt County Historical Society's Saturday Speaker Series presents author and science columnist for the *North Coast Journal* Barry Evans, discussing railroads and historical exploration. Also live streaming at youtube.com/live/b2qaE0COXRQ?si=Rg_xmFE-Y2T-N9dhW. Free. lelehnia@clarkemuseum.org. fb.me/e/yul5BrXL7. (707) 443-1947.

MOVIES

Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back (1980). 4-7:30 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-Show 4 p.m. Movie 5:20 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. Luke Skywalker begins his Jedi training with Yoda, while his friends are pursued by Darth Vader and Boba Fett. Costume contest. Raffle. \$14 includes poster, playbill, physical ticket, stickers and raffle entry. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/2741388472827099. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Cal Poly Humboldt Jazz Orchestra. 8 p.m. Eureka High School Auditorium, 1915 J St. An evening of jazz with the Cal Poly Humboldt Jazz Orchestra. Free.

A Company of Voices: "Poetry in Song" 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 520 Del Norte St., Eureka. Local singers and instrumentalists performing a variety of poetry set to music. Poets include Rabindranath Tagore, Hildegard of Bingen, Lewis Carroll, Rumi, Langston Hughes, Robert Frost and John Lennon. \$15 suggested donation.

Humboldt Steel Pan and Percussion Festival. 12-9 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. See May 3 listing.

Trinidad Bay Art & Music Festival Presents: String Fling. 3 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. An all Bach concert featuring the Festival Strings Orchestra, also Terrie Baune, violin and John Chernoff, piano, and Peter Kibbe, solo cello. \$10-\$40. arcataplayhouse.org.

THEATER

The American Dream and Zoo Story. 7 p.m. EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. Two early one-act plays by Edward Albee directed by John Heckel. Through May 19. \$15, \$10 seniors/high school students.

Logger Love Stories. 6 p.m. The Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. See May 3 listing.

EVENTS

Wildflower Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. See May 3 listing.

"Embracing Humanity" Town Hall. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Council Chambers, Eureka City Hall, 531 K St. A town hall event to kick-off and celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month with panels in the morning and a keynote speaker in the afternoon. Free.

Eureka Chinatown Street Festival - Year of the Dragon. 4-9 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. Celebrate the Year of the Dragon at the Eureka Chinatown Street Festival during AAPI month. The street in front of the Clarke Historical Museum will be filled with Lion dancers, street performances by local Asian artists, Asian food trucks and more. clarkemuseum.org.

May the Forest be with You. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, 127011 Newton B Drury, Orick. Enjoy a self guided tour along Revelation Trail with your favorite characters, dress up for a costume contest, enjoy live music and a movie at the campfire area.

Repfest. 6-8 p.m. Ferndale Community Center, 100 South Berding St. Ferndale Repertory Theatre's biggest fundraiser includes a no-host bar, silent auction, dinner, entertainment and live auction. \$100.

Rock & Mineral Tailgate Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society, 5540 West End Road, Arcata. Rock swap and sale. Items for sale include rocks, gems, minerals, jewelry, gifts and more. Free.

Veterans' Spring Craft Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ferndale Veterans Memorial Building, 1100 Main St. See May 3 listing.

FOOD

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo, Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Indigenous Foods Festival. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Native American Forum, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Featuring Indigenous organizations, food producers, food vendors, hands-on activities, music, speakers, discussion panels and more.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Beginnings May Fair and Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Beginnings Octagon, 5 Cemetery Road, Redway. From robust veggies to captivating annuals, enduring perennials, medicinal herbs and resilient tree stock. Plus, arts and craft and food vendors. Free. beginningsoutreach@gmail.com. (707) 923-3617.

Dazey Dayz. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dazey's Supply Redway, 3082 Redwood Dr. Celebrate Dazey's 50 years in business with prizes, giveaways, kids activities, food, live music, vendors and more. Free. kristi@dazeys.com. www.dazeys.com/dazey-dayz. (707) 923-3002.

Dazey Dayz - Willow Creek. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dazey's Supply Willow Creek, 41212 CA-299. Celebrate Dazey's 50 years in business with prizes, giveaways, kids activities, food, live music, vendors and more. Free!. jon@dazeys.com. dazeys.com/dazey-dayz. (530) 629-3420.

Humboldt Botanical Garden Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Humboldt Botanical Garden, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, College of the Redwoods campus, north entrance, Eureka. See May 3 listing.

Old Town Gardening and Beautification. 9-10:30 a.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. Start with a free Los Bagels breakfast and help maintain the brick planters along Second Street, weeding and planting native plants. Bimonthly, all supplies are provided. (707) 441-4248.

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MEETINGS

Toastmasters International. First Saturday of every month, 7-8 a.m. Virtual World, Online. Members meet to deliver and evaluate prepared and impromptu speeches to improve as speakers and leaders. Meetings stream at <https://tinyurl.com/zoomwithmidday> and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9239283290>. distinguished@rock-etmail.com. 4139.toastmastersclubs.org. (855) 402-8255.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh Field Trip. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring binoculars and meet trip leader Dan Greany at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk trails. As Spring arrives, many resident birds may be singing, nesting and showing signs of breeding activity. Free. rras.org.

Bike and Hike Day. First Saturday of every month. Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Visitors Center, Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway, Orick. Enjoy the Newton B. Drury Parkway through Prairie Creek Redwoods while it's closed to motor vehicles. Leashed dogs welcome. Free.

Citizen Science Series: Plant Identification. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Hikshari Trail, Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary, Eureka. Meet Eureka Community Services at the Elk River Park and Ride for an outdoor, rain-or-shine class focusing on native plants and how they build the ecosystem. Bring a water bottle and weather appropriate clothes and shoes. facebook.com/events/933997501525675?ref=newsfeed. (707) 441-4248.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Elliott Dabill at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Interpretive Center (AMIC) on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. Elliott will concentrate on the native plant garden in front of the Interpretive Center, using a plant reference guide developed by AMIC staff Carmen and Neysa. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Nature Quest Day Walks. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Headwaters Forest Reserve, End of Elk River Road, 6 miles off U.S. Highway 101, Eureka. Redwood hikes, reflective practices and more. See flyer for more information.

Women's Wine Hiking Society Trek to Lyon's Ranch. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lyon's Ranch on Bald Hills Road, 17 miles up Bald Hills Road, Orick. Join the 3.7 mile hike to enjoy lupines, wildlife and rolling hills. At the ranch, have lunch and share adventure stories. Sign up online. \$5.

humboldtcounty.whs@gmail.com. winehikingsociety.com. (707) 498-8994.

SPORTS

Rumble at the River 4. 6:15-10 p.m. Bear River Casino and Resort Tish Non Ballroom, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. A showcase of kickboxing and co-main events. Ages 21 and up. \$45. Allykennedy@bearrivercasino.com. bearrivercasino.com/events-and-shows/rumble-at-the-river-iv/. (707) 733-9644.

ETC

Abbey of the Redwoods Flea Market. First Saturday of every month, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Local arts, products, goods. Free entry.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

5 Sunday

ART

Pottery and Glass Spring Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. See May 4 listing.

DANCE

Afro - Fusion Feel and Flow. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Explore and enjoy a fusion of West African movements from Guinea, Senegal, Liberia, Congo and Mali with the genre of Afro beats and traditional West African drumming. \$10-\$15. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org. (707) 822-0898.

MOVIES

Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 5 p.m. Movie 6 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. An urbane fox cannot resist returning to his farm raiding ways and must help his community survive the farmers' retaliation. \$8, \$12 admission an poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/436997042049963. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

CD Ghost, Your Local Flora, Bleater. 7 p.m. Outer Space Arcata, 837 H St. CD Ghost (synth pop/new wave from LA), Your Local Flora (pretty indie folk grunge), Bleater (forest devotional). Masks recommended, \$10-\$20. outerspacearcata@gmail.com. facebook.com/events/404462742367084.

An Evening of Contemplative and Folk Music from Armenia and the Middle East. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Union, 1675 Union St., Eureka. Khatchadour Khatchadourian is a

Bay Area-based vocalist and Armenian Duduk woodwind musician. He sings in Armenian, Arabic and Farsi and focuses on both cultural and contemplative musical genres. \$10-\$20 sliding scale. derinque@gmail.com. (707) 845-4708.

Hope in Harmony: Partnership in Music Orchestra. 2-4 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. A world premier of the new work "To Live," by conductor Garrick Woods. Free. s.h.bicknell@gmail.com. allseason-sorchestra.org. (707) 599-4692.

Humboldt Steel Pan and Percussion Festival. 1-5 p.m. Sapphire Palace, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. See May 3 listing.

Humboldt Wind Ensemble and Mariachi de Humboldt. 5 p.m. Eureka High School Auditorium, 1915 J St. Mariachi de Humboldt celebrates its first official year as a CPH ensemble with rancheras. The Wind Ensemble portion of the program includes La Malagueña de Salerosa featuring Pablo Murcia, tenor. Free.

Frankster's Ball. 8 p.m. Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata. See May 3 listing.

THEATER

The American Dream and Zoo Story. 3 p.m. EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. See May 4 listing.

Logger Love Stories. 4 p.m. The Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. See May 3 listing.

EVENTS

Wildflower Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. See May 3 listing.

Cinco de Mayo Community Celebration w/Los Giles Taqueria. 12-4 p.m. Jefferson Community Park, 1000 B St Eureka, Eureka. Food trucks, DJ Pachanguero, Folkloric Ballets, Baileterapia, art, culture and more surprises. Bring your Huipil or Guayabera. Free. cynthia@cdpueblo.com. (707) 683-5293.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

Old Fashioned Pancake Breakfast. 8-11 a.m. Freshwater Grange, 48 Grange Road. Enjoy buttermilk or whole grain pancakes with ham, sausages, scrambled eggs, homemade salsa and cheese, apple compote, orange juice, tea or French roast coffee. \$10, \$7 children. freshwaterhall@gmail.com. (707) 498-9447.

GARDEN

Spring Native Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Ave., Eureka. See May 4 listing.

Wiyot Cultural Plants. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Adam Canter, Natural

Resources Director and botanist for the Wiyot Tribe, presents a slide talk showcasing important Wiyot cultural plants and their habitats. Part of the 42nd annual Wildflower Show of the North Coast Chapter of The California Native Plant Society. Free. northcoastcnps.org/wildflower-show/.

OUTDOORS

Clean the Sidewalk Day. First Sunday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Valley West Park, Hallen Drive, Arcata. Help pick up non-hazardous items left behind. Meet at the park entrance for instructions, supplies and check-in. gmartin@cityofarcata.org. cityofarcata.org.

SPORTS

Avenue of the Giants Marathon. Avenue of the Giants (Rio Dell), Dyerville Bridge. Run through the biggest trees in the world. Marathon at 7:45 a.m., half-marathon at 8:45 a.m. and 10K at 9:15 a.m. theave@theave.org. theave.org.

Sunday Springles Disc Golf League. 12-3:30 p.m. Beau Pre DiscGolfPark at the Beau Pre Golf Course, 1777 Norton Road, McKinleyville. PDGA-sanctioned, flex-start league. Membership not required to play in any or all weeks. \$10 buy-in. beauprediscgolf@gmail.com. instagram.com/beauprediscgolf/. (406) 579-7078.

ETC

Humboldt Flea Market. First Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$2, free for kids under 13.

6 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See May 3 listing.

MUSIC

Metal Monday. 7-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Four metal bands. \$5, \$10 or \$20. savagehenrycomedy.com.

THEATER

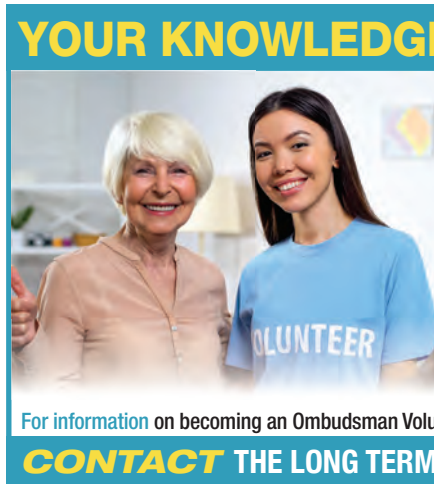
Logger Love Stories. 6 p.m. The Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. See May 3 listing.

FOOD

Miranda Farmers' Market. 2-6 p.m. Miranda Market, 6685 Avenue of the Giants. Fresh produce, mushrooms, beef and pork, eggs, honey, crafts, body products, jams and plants. (707) 441-9999.


MEETINGS

Entrepreneur's Club of Arcata. First Monday of every

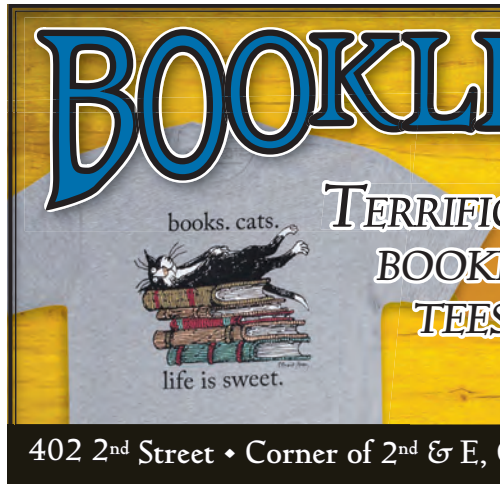


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ETC

Boardgame Night. 6-10:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Quick 30-minute or long strategic games in a supportive and stress-free space. Feel free to bring your favorites as well. All ages. \$2-\$12. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org. (707) 822-0898.

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

7 Tuesday

DANCE

Baywater Blues Fusion Dance. 7:15-9:15 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Half hour dance lesson followed by social dancing. Come solo or with a friend to learn and enjoy partner dancing to blues and modern music. \$5-\$15 sliding, free for kids 12 and under. baywaterbluesfusion@gmail.com. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089815497848. (707) 496-4056.

MUSIC

First Tuesday of the Month Sing-Along. First Tuesday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Join Joel Sonenshein as he leads a sing-along of your favorite folk, rock and pop songs of the '60s and '70s. Songbooks provided. \$3. (707) 407-6496.

THEATER

Logger Love Stories. 6 p.m. The Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. See May 3 listing.

FOR KIDS

Look Closer and Make Connections. First Tuesday of every month, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Natural History Museum of Cal Poly Humboldt, 1242 G St., Arcata. Explore new exhibits and activities, including marine science, a bear, discovery boxes, microscopes, puzzles, scavenger hunts and more. Tuesday through Friday. \$3 youth, \$6 adult, \$15 family, free for members. natmus@humboldt.edu. humboldt.edu/natmus. (707) 826-4480.

FOOD

Shelter Cove Farmers' Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Gyppo Ale Mill, 1661 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove. In-season produce, veggie starts, plants, grass-fed beef, pastured poultry and eggs, flowers, soap, herbal products and arts and crafts. gyppo.com. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Fortuna Parent Project. 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3300 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. A 10-week series that addresses topics like improving family relationships, effective discipline to improve school attendance and performance, reduce substance use, negative peer influences and how to address destructive behavior. Free. fortunatc@bgcredwoods.org. glccenter.org. (707) 617-8160.

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Monthly Meeting VFW Post 1872. First Tuesday of every

month, 6-7 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Calling all combat veterans and all veterans eligible for membership in Veterans of Foreign Wars to meet comrades and learn about events in the renovated Memorial Building. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

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8 Wednesday

LECTURE

Transgender Rights in the USA Today. 4-6 p.m. Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way, Bayside. Reception, presentation and Q&A with Erin Reed. huuf.org.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse. 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle 6:30 p.m. Main feature 6:45 p.m. Rated PG. All ages. Miles Morales catapults across the multiverse, where he encounters a team of Spider-People. \$6, \$10 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/arcatatheatrelounge/events. (707) 613-3030.

FOR KIDS

Fortuna Teen Court New Volunteer Training. 4:15-6:30 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3300 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Opportunity for youth in grades 8-12 to connect with other youth with similar interests and to make a difference helping peers through restorative justice practices. Free. fortunatc@bgcredwoods.org. bgcredwoods.org/fortuna-teen-court/. (707) 617-8160.

MEETINGS

Redwood Genealogical Society Speaker Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Locha's Mexican Restaurant, 751 S Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna. Arlene Hartin, former president of the Humboldt Historical Society, presents "Ireland Connections from County Antrim and those who came to Humboldt County." \$15 optional lunch, includes tax. becdave@aol.com. redwoodresearcher.com. (707) 682-6836.

9 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See May 2 listing.

Heads Up ...

Call to Artists: California Seaweed Festival Commemorative Poster contest. The California Seaweed Festival will take place in Humboldt County Oct. 18-20, 2024, at locations in Eureka, Samoa, Arcata and Trinidad. Festival organizers are seeking submissions for a commemorative poster which should celebrate seaweed and the festival theme of "Biodiversity and Aquaculture on the North Coast". The entry deadline is May 31, 2024. Winner will be chosen by June 30. Visit californiaseaweedfestival.org for contest details and the application form.

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Challengers Rises to the Challenge

By John J. Bennett

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CHALLENGERS. Although never a proper tennis fan, I would, in my younger, dumber years, have considered myself something of a casual appreciator. As country kids, old tennis rackets were useful indeed for seeing how high into the air one could drive small rocks. And a case of tennis balls might as well have been a lottery win, for all the potential enjoyment and enrichment within. But the sport, with its arcane institutions and anachronistic sense of propriety, always seemed a little alien. Even as marketing tried feverishly to drive the MTV audience toward the game in the 1990s, professional tennis seemed distinctly other, a Continental throwback that felt, in form and function, like a relic.

Time hasn't necessarily changed my view: Tennis is, by and large, almost as culturally white a sport as golf. Over time, I would come to better appreciate the athleticism and specific physical and mental skills required to excel competitively, but it has only been in the last handful of years that I have understood the solitary, internal, often lonely aspects of the game as it is played at the highest levels. Elite tennis players are often groomed from an early age, shipped off to boarding academies and cultivated as solo operatives in an arena with (manufactured) life-or-death stakes. Even at the highest level of the sport, I would argue that the percentage of players with a true killer instinct, the innate drive to dominate the competition, alone, is nearly infinitesimal. To my mind, that cadre must share a gene, or at least a series of neural pathways, with special operations soldiers — once they've entered their natural habitat, they may not be fit for reintroduction to society.

Challengers posits as much, though it does so in a much sexier way and without being so fatalistic about it. Although the story ostensibly centers on two friends, doubles partners, would-be lovers and rivals played by Mike Faist and Josh O'Connor, it is really about the dominant force in both of their lives, the former on-court killer and force of nature with the acumen and will to determine the course of their personal and professional lives.

The movie opens in 2019, at which point she, Tashi (Zendaya), has been married to Art Donaldson (Faist) long enough for the relationship to have become, perhaps, a little tiresome. They have a young daughter; he has become a touring tennis pro and she his coach and manager. They live a one-percent life, living in hotels because the child likes them, negotiating endorsement deals with luxury brands and signing autographs. Beneath the exquisitely appointed veneer of lifestyle, though, Art is becoming a loser. His confidence shaken, he can no longer win matches. With his ranking still intact, he may be able to recover and take a run at a final, glorious year, but that outcome is anything but assured. To attempt to shore up his self-esteem, Tashi decides to enter him into a challenger, a tournament for aspirants that should be beneath his talents. Things get sticky, though, when Patrick Zweig (Josh O'Connor) rolls in, destitute and reliant on Tinder hook-ups for a roof to sleep under.

Through flashbacks and forward, we come to learn that Art and Patrick were once inseparable, roommates and partners since childhood, their mutual erotic connection thinly veiled, unspoken and unconsummated until the mid-aughts when, preparing to transition to college (Art) and the professional circuit (Patrick), they encounter Tashi at a tournament. Each justifiably fascinated, they make a desperate play for her affections. Based on the premise of earlier scenes, the outcome is not what we might expect, and a tense triangle of sex, friendship and competition is (*clears throat, voice breaks*) erected.

As the two former friends/not-quite-rivals meet to vie for the championship in a tournament that should mean nothing to either of them, but feels like a life-or-death struggle, the narrative hustles forward and back across the intervening 13 years since their introduction to their muse and mistress.

To call it surprising that Luca Guadagnino (*Bones and All*, 2022; *Call Me by Your Name*, 2017) has made a tennis movie is a little fatuous, if still accurate. I suppose I should have known he could do it. But

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Challengers

in doing it, he has made an incandescent, incomparable sport movie that manifests the same breathless tension and excitement in its dialogue scenes as in the tennis matches. It is, without hyperbole, unlike anything I have ever seen and easily one of the most exciting movies about athletes ever made. That it is also sexy in a sometimes brutalist, beyond-modern key almost feels like an incidental, because the thing as a whole produces such an overwhelming, enveloping, experiential effect.

With the best score Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross have yet produced — a series of early-2000s techno anthems — gorgeous, surprising cinematography by Sayombhu Mukdeeprom and electrifying editing by Marco Costa, *Challengers* represents the coming together of technicians working as if their lives depended on it and rendering championship level work as a result.

But really, and this is burying the lede, this is a statement by and about Zendaya, who gives one of the most memorable, composed, sometimes terrifying performances in cinema history; she is so good that Faist and O'Connor, giving lights-out performances themselves, look like the freshman that, in context, they truly are. R. 131M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

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THE FALL GUY. Ryan Gosling shoots a macho thumbs up in a comedy take on the 1980s TV show about a stuntman embroiled in real action. With Emily Blunt. PG13. 114M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE. Re-maining original cast members (Bill Murray, Ernie Hudson, Dan Aykroyd, Annie Potts) team up with a new generation. With Paul Rudd. PG13. 115M. BROADWAY.

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THE MINISTRY OF UNGENTLEMANLY WARFARE. Guy Ritchie directs World War II action starring Henry Cavill and Alan Ritchson. R. 120M. BROADWAY.

SASQUATCH SUNSET. Jesse Eisenberg and Riley Keogh star in the Humboldt-shot Bigfoot comedy adventure people already hate. R. 189M. MINOR.

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Eureka, CA 95501

Sarah Cordero Physical Therapy Inc CA 2320 23rd St Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Sarah Cordero, President
This April 9, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/2024 (24-138)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00191
The following person is doing Business as
CORAZÓN COMMUNITY COUNSELING

Humboldt
537 G Street, Suite 204
Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 300
Eureka, CA 95502

Abigail B Hudson-Crim PO Box 300 Eureka, CA 95502

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/s Abigail Hudson-Crim, Owner
This April 4, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-151)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00192
The following person is doing Business as
EMERALD TRIANGLE COLLECTIBLES

Humboldt
2687 Pacific Ct.
Arcata, CA 95521

Israel D LeFrak 2687 Pacific Ct. Arcata, CA 95521

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/s Israel LeFrak, Owner
This April 4, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2/2024 (24-130)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00199
The following person is doing Business as
SYMPHONY CONSULTING

Humboldt
37497 Hwy 96
Orleans, CA 95556

PO Box 394
Orleans, CA 95556

Nancy N Doman 37497 Hwy 96 Orleans, CA 95556

Humboldt
1434 J St
Eureka, CA 95501

Symphony Consulting LLC CA 202356717235 1434 J St Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Gabriel Acosta, CEO
This April 9, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/2024 (24-137)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00202
The following person is doing Business as
VN NAIL SPA

Humboldt
2916 Central Ave #B
Eureka, CA 95503

VND Inc CA 5943860 804 O St Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Han Vi Thi Tran, CEO
This April 10, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/2024 (24-139)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00207
The following person is doing Business as
KLAMATH RIVER CREATIONS

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PO Box 394
Orleans, CA 95556

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/s Nancy Doman, Owner
This April 12, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/2024 (24-143)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00209
The following person is doing Business as
GUS MELESIO TRUCKING

Humboldt
2290 Silverbrook Ct
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Gustavo Melesio-Ramirez 2290 Silverbrook Ct McKinleyville, CA 95519

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/s Gustavo Melesio-Ramirez, Owner
This April 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/2024 (24-141)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00210
The following person is doing Business as
WHATCHA NEED HUMBOLDT

Humboldt
6620 Third St
Fields Landing, CA 95537

PO Box 122
Fields Landing, CA 95537

Josh N York 6620 Third St Fields Landing, CA 95537

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/s Josh York, Owner
This April 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/2024 (24-145)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00211
The following person is doing Business as
HUMBOLDT BAY SOCIAL CLUB/ SOCIAL SPAS

Humboldt
900 New Navy Base Road
Samoa, CA 95564

Zephyr Hospitality LLC 900 New Navy Base Road Samoa, CA 95564

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/s Nicole R Fryer, Manager/CEO
This April 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-147)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00219
The following person is doing Business as
SEADANCE ON THE LOST COAST/ SEADANCE

Humboldt
887 Lower Pacific Drive
Whitethorn, CA 95589

14045 Willow Creek Road
lone, CA 95640

Randy Ilich 14045 Willow Creek Road lone, CA 95640

Heidi Ilich 14045 Willow Creek Road lone, CA 95640

The business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to

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/s Randy Ilich, Owner
This April 18, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/2024 (24-144)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00220
The following person is doing Business as
REYNOLDS RV REPAIR

Humboldt
646 CA Highway 36
Fortuna, CA 95540

New Rocks Incorporated CA 6160632 646 CA Highway 36

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/s Kathleen Ross, CFO
This April 19, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-152)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00224
The following person is doing Business as
REEVES REDWOOD

Humboldt
1438 California St Apt 2
Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 8011
Eureka, CA 95502

Cory W Reeves 1438 California St Apt 2 Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Cory W Reeves, Owner
This April 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES

by jr, Humboldt County Clerk
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-148)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00232
The following person is doing Business as
STU'S BREWS

Humboldt
71 W 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

723B W Long Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Aaron R Salles
71 W 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Victoria H Salles
71 W 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Victoria Salles, Owner/Operator
This April 25, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-150)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00235
The following person is doing Business as
COASTAL NDN ART

Humboldt
1986 Sagewood Way, Unit 284
McKinleyville, CA 95519

2050 Gwin Road
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Casey J Pederson
1986 Sagewood Way, Unit 284
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on April 26, 2024
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/s Casey Pederson, Owner/Founder
This April 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-153)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00226
The following person is doing Business as
AFTER GLOW CLEANING SERVICE

Humboldt
2950 Janes Rd
Arcata, CA 95521

Macey M Lawrence
2950 Janes Rd
Arcata, CA 95521

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The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on April 24, 2024
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/s Macey Lawrence, Owner
This April 24, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-157)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00184
The following person is doing Business as
EMERALD EARTH BIRTHWORK

Humboldt
2510 Davis Way
Arcata, CA 95521

Rachel J Hanson
2510 Davis Way
Arcata, CA 95521

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/s Rachel Hanson, Owner
This March 28, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jr, Humboldt County Clerk
5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/2024 (24-156)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids are invited by the **City of Blue Lake**, a public body, corporate and politic, for the performance of all the work and the furnishing of all the labor materials, supplies, tools, and equipment for the following project: **CONSTRUCTION OF BLUE LAKE TRUCK ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS GREENWOOD PHASE PROJECT**

The City of Blue Lake will receive sealed proposals at the City of Blue Lake City Hall, 111 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Lake, CA 95525 **until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.** A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled to begin at the City of Blue Lake Offices, 111 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Lake, CA 95525 at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.** A brief description of the project will be presented followed by a visit to the project site. The Pre-Bid Meeting is non-mandatory; however, all prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend.
Project Description: The Work consists of, but is not limited to, furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals and performing all work required to perform demolition activities, install curbs, curb ramps, sidewalk, signage, accessible ramps, paved roadway, paved shoulders, drainage infrastructure, curb extension/planters, pavement markings, traffic signage, curb markings, and raised crosswalks, implement ESCP, to provide traffic control and erosion and sediment control, to comply with all permits and requirements, and to cleanup and restore the work sites.

The work site is located on Greenwood Avenue, in the City of Blue Lake, Humboldt County, California. Proposals shall conform to the requirements of the Invitation for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Plans and Specifications, and any Addenda thereto.

Compliance with General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations for Commercial Building, Highway, Heavy Construction, and Dredging projects in Humboldt County, current Determination as of the first date of bid solicitation will be required. The project requires a Performance Bond for 100% of the bid amount, a Payment Bond for 100% of the bid amount, and insurance as outlined in these contract documents. All Contractors and Subcontractors shall possess appropriate Contractor's Licenses for their trade at the time the Contract is awarded.

The owner is the City of Blue Lake. The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Blue Lake 111 Greenwood Avenue Blue Lake, CA 95525	Humboldt Builder's Exchange 1213 5th St. Eureka, CA 95501
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Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of SHN, upon payment of Forty dollars (\$40.00) for each set. Please call 707-441-8855 for more information or to order the bid package. Contractors are encouraged to carefully read the "Instructions to Bidders" section in the Contract Documents. Questions concerning these documents must be submitted by email to jludtke@shn-engr.com



Michele (Feldman) Baughman
May 12th, 1937- April 1st, 2024

On Monday, April 1st, 2024, at 7:42 pm, Michele (Feldman) Baughman died peacefully at home surrounded by her dearest friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Feldman, her brother Roland, and her beloved husband of 54 years, Don Patrick Baughman.

Michele was born on May 12th, 1937, in Paris, France. Her parents owned a prestigious Jewish restaurant in Paris. In 1939, during the Nazi occupation, the family fled from France into Spain and boarded a ship to Montreal, Canada. Michele was just two years old at the time of their escape. She was born with congenital hip dysplasia and had multiple surgeries throughout her life. When she was thirteen years old her brother taught her to walk. As a young woman she moved to San Francisco where she met her "one and only", Don, a young Army veteran from Minnesota. They fell deeply in love and were married in 1966. They came to Humboldt County in 1969.

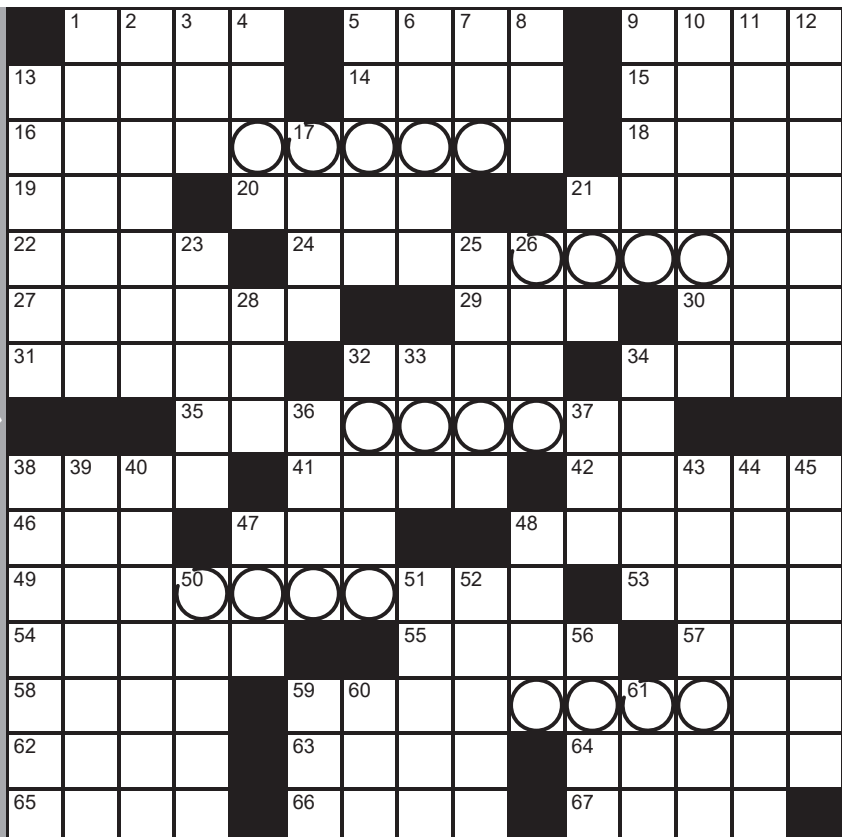
The Humboldt Open Door Clinic first opened in 1971, in what is now The Tin Can Mailman Bookstore, on the corner of 10th and H St in Arcata. Michele thought it was a Veterinary clinic and brought her cat in for a check-up. She was told they could not help her cat because they were a medical clinic serving people, but they hired her on the spot. She was the first HODC receptionist and then became the primary scheduling administrator "extraordinaire" where she served the community for 30 years! Upon her retirement, CEO Herrmann Spetzler gifted her with a round trip ticket to Paris. On March 17th, 2003, she went on the trip of a lifetime to France and Italy for 17 days, accompanied by her friend, April, who wheeled Michele in her chariot over the ancient cobblestone streets of Europe. She called Don nearly every day to tell him of her adventures, even from a phone booth at the Palace in Monaco.

Michele and April met at the clinic in 1977. They became great friends for the next 47 years! When they first met, Michele was able to walk a short distance with a cane. As walking became more difficult, she used two canes, then she purchased an electric trike. She could be seen riding her "Lark" all around town. She was a reckless driver! In 1997 she bought a fancy tricycle that she pedaled with her hands. She was often spotted riding her trike all over Arcata and Bayside. She and April did the 10-mile Tour of the Unknown Coast together. Michele had a lively group of friends coined "The Breakfast Club" which often included K.T., Audrey, Terri, Cheyenne, Shelley, Theresa, Pam, Jovonne, Jeri, Connie, and April. Michele loved to dine out at Larrupin's, Abruzzi's, Folie Deuce, La Trattoria, and other fine restaurants in Humboldt County. She enjoyed celebrating birthdays, family holidays, clinic parties, and camping at Smith River, Klamath, Coon Creek, Forest Glen, and Yosemite National Park.

Michele was rambunctious and enthusiastic about life. She was a kind, devoted friend with a tender heart, and she was especially fond of children and animals. Her laugh was effervescent and contagious. Her fiercely positive spirit transcended all physical limitations. Her wisdom and intuition were precise. With her intelligence and razor-sharp wit, she was a force of nature to be reckoned with, and a joy to all who knew her. The strength of her character was as powerful as her love of life. After Don died on April 20th, 2020, during the pandemic, she moved to Michael and April's studio apartment, where she was able to live independently for almost four years. She loved weekly outings to the Arcata Marsh, the Farmer's Market, Café Brio (for French fries), and ice cream at the Arcata Scoop.

Many thanks to Dr. Sarah Sherer, her primary care physician, and the staff at Humboldt Open Door Community Health Center, Kelli Swartz (Humboldt County Public Guardian), the nurses at Mad River Home Health, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Tong at Mad River Community Hospital (for allowing her to come home), and a very special thanks to her In-Home Health Services provider, Paul Humphrey, for his continued care and devotion to Michele for the remainder of her life. (The joke's on you, Paul. She left us on April Fool's Day!)

A Memorial Bash will be held at The Plaza View Room in Arcata (Jacoby Storehouse, 3rd floor) on Saturday, May 18th from 6-8 pm, catered by Uniquely Yours. There will be a no host bar. Bring your favorite uncensored stories to share. "The Backseat Drivers" will provide the music, with love to light her way.



"NO FEAR"

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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ACROSS

1. "___ the weather up there?"
5. Hurricane response org.
9. Pleased
13. Occupied, as a desk
14. Tehran's location
15. Shine partner
16. Ancient Greek mathematician who couldn't bring his triangle theorem out into the open?
18. Comcast and Spectrum, for two
19. Abbr. after a seller's suggested price
20. Seat of Washoe County, Nevada
21. Like fishnets
22. "Good for life" pet food brand
24. Job interview subject, even when you can't face the work?
27. Alpacas' cousins

29. "Boom Clap" performer Charli
30. 1055, to Caesar
31. Mr., in Spain
32. ___ stands
34. Spanakopita cheese
35. 1998 National League MVP who's not big on germs?
38. Spice Girl who turned 50 in April 2024
41. "___ I a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny line)
42. Tricks
46. Cold War broadcast across the Atlantic, for short
47. Bowling target
48. Unfortunate event
49. Exactly right, but without the blood?
53. Lawnmower brand that means "bull"
54. Play dirty, per a Michelle Obama catchphrase

55. Rowboat need
57. Coating material
58. Is repentant of
59. "Like that's believable, even at this awful height!"
62. Admin.'s aide
63. One of the Hawaiian Islands
64. Nervous utterances
65. Chaotic state
66. Tiny puff of smoke
67. Act gloomy

DOWN

1. Seat at a barn dance, maybe
2. Footstool
3. When doubled, a guitar effect
4. "A ___ Is Born"
5. Shrek's wife
6. It might be clerical
7. Old ewe in "Babe"
8. Response, for short
9. "Peer Gynt" composer Edvard
10. Nimble

11. Road-surface material
12. Songwriter Buddy who co-founded Capitol Records
13. Gives away the ending of
17. 100 ___ ("Doritos & Fritos" duo)
21. Mystery guest moniker
23. Internet comedy group since 2002
25. Live and breathe
26. ___-1 ("Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire" vehicle)
28. Legendary Notre Dame coach Parseghian
32. Acid in proteins
33. Ant. antonym
34. Goethe "deal with the devil" character
36. Injure badly
37. '80s anti-missile plan, for short
38. List of events

39. Ineffectual
40. Like homes without TVs, slangily
43. Chance to take your shot?
44. Symptom of otitis
45. Multipurpose utensils
47. Chapel bench
48. "___ Breckinridge" (Gore Vidal novel)
50. Dawson, Combs, Anderson, Karn, O'Hurley, and Harvey, e.g.
51. ___ Arcade (business trying to look cool in "Wayne's World")
52. Absorb eagerly
56. "You rebel ___" ("Return of the Jedi" line)
59. Impress
60. "Bali ___" ("South Pacific" highlight)
61. P. in the Greek alphabet

NCJ FIELD NOTES

Doubting Shakespeare, Part 2: Problems

By Barry Evans

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"They're both bonkers!" — Stanley Wells, Britain's leading Shakespeare expert, on the opinion of preeminent Shakespearean actors Sirs Derek Jacobi and Mark Rylance, that the Stratford man didn't write the Shakespeare canon.

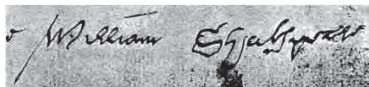
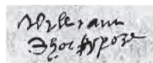
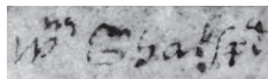
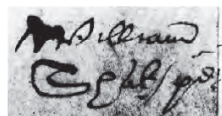
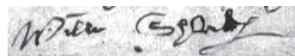
Last week, I noted that the traditional "Stratfordian" belief that a wool merchant from Stratford-on-Avon in England was the author of the Shakespeare canon has serious flaws. Let's look at some. These include:

Signatures: We have just six examples of the Stratford man's signature. Could someone who could barely write his own name have penned nearly a million words?

The will: The Stratford man's will (in which he famously bequeathed his second-best bed to his wife), while giving detailed instructions for the distribution of his assets, make no mention of unpublished plays, poems, books, manuscripts, maps — nothing that might be expected in the will of a prolific writer steeped in the knowledge of the day.

Erudition: Shakespeare really knew his stuff. The plays reference books in French and Italian that hadn't been translated into English at the time, while he wrote accurately about cities in Northern Italy. He knew contemporary French and Italian colloquialisms (three scenes of *Henry V* are entirely in French), his description of upper-class life mirrors someone intimately familiar with the courts of Elizabeth I and James I, and he knew the law (at least 50 books have been written on Shakespeare's legal proficiency). Not to mention his knowledge of astronomy, medicine, warfare, mythology, music, typography, geography and much more. How could a wool merchant from a provincial town have become so erudite?

The First Folio: Usually offered as *prima facie* proof of the Stratfordian's case. Published in 1623, seven years after the Stratford man's death, the First Folio of 36 Shakespeare plays is often cited as one of the most influential books ever printed. It refers to the author as "Sweet Swan of Avon," which, unfortunately for Stratford's



The only known signatures of the man purported to be the greatest writer in the English language. (Public domain)

true believers, isn't quite as cut and dried as it appears. Avon (Celtic for river) is the name of five other waterways in England besides the Stratford-upon-Avon one. It gets worse: Hampton Court, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed for the royal court, was referred to as Avondunum ("river-castle"), or Avon for short. Nothing else in the First Folio comes close to equating the Stratford man with the playwright. In fact, it's suspiciously short on saying anything about the author beyond vague plaudits.

The Stratford Man's Documents: Researchers have found about 70 documents referencing the Stratford Shakespeare, most of which portray him in bad light — and none as a writer. He made a habit of suing his neighbors for small sums, he was listed as being delinquent in his tax payments, he was accused of hoarding grain during a famine and a restraining order was drawn up against him. All of which make him sound like a petty (and rather obnoxious) businessman. We do have records of him twice being paid as an actor but — tellingly — not as a writer. Theater impresario Philip Henslowe, who staged Shakespeare plays during the Elizabethan era, made payments to 27 playwrights but none to Shakespeare.

Shakespeare the feminist: "Shakespeare's sympathy with, and almost uncanny understanding of, women characters is one of the distinguishing features of his comedy, as opposed to that of his contemporaries," according to Shakespeare scholar Anne Barton. Take a look at such smart and witty characters as Portia (*The Merchant of Venice*), Rosalind (*As You Like It*), Viola (*Twelfth Night*), Beatrice (*Much Ado About Nothing*), Hermia (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), Katherina (*The Taming of the Shrew*), etc. Were these the creations of a man who was indifferent to the literacy of his daughters? Or of a man at all?

Next week, I'll consider alternative candidates for Shakespeare the writer. ●

Barry Evans (he/him, barryevans9@yahoo.com) is bemused by the theory that Shakespeare was a woman.

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ARCATA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District, effective February 12, 2024. The Board of Trustees is seeking a qualified person to join the Board for the remainder of the term (until the November 2024 election). Please consider joining Board President Brian Hudgens, Board Clerk Christine Ng, and Trustees Anna KT McClure and John Schmidt in promoting student achievement and successfully guiding the District into the future.

Pursuant to Education Code sections 5091 and 5328, the Board of Trustees of the Arcata School District intends to appoint a qualified person to the Board to fulfill this vacancy. Qualifications include being at least 18 years of age and a registered voter, and applicants must live within the designated trustee area. Area 3 is in north Arcata between Highway 101 west to the Westwood neighborhood and Wyatt Lane, and 17th Street north to 27th Street. To determine which trustee area you live in, use the interactive map developed by the District at <http://arcg.is/mH9L9> by entering an address in the search tool at the upper right.

Persons interested in applying may obtain an application online at arcataschooldistrict.org, or by calling or writing to Superintendent Luke Biesecker at (707) 822-0351, ext. 101; superintendent@arcatasd.org; or 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata CA 95521.

Completed applications must be received in the District Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The current members of the Board of Trustees will interview applicants in open session at a meeting on Monday, May 13. The successful applicant will be seated at that meeting and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.

Persons desiring to submit questions for the Board's consideration in connection with the interview process may submit suggested questions in writing to the District Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

FGCSD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District (District) is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, with the option of auditing its financial statements for each of the three (3) subsequent fiscal years. In addition, a single audit may be required in fiscal year 2025 for a federally funded project. Proposals will be received until 1:30 p.m. on May 24, 2024. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with District specifications, a copy of which is available by contacting Richard Hanger, General Manager, gm@fgcsd.org.



NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Freshwater Elementary School District will hold a hearing and consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee ("Level I Fee") on new residential and commercial/industrial developments as approved by the State Allocation Board on January 24, 2024. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level I Fee are necessary to fund the construction of needed school facilities to accommodate students due to development.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before May 14, 2024, or appear in person at the hearing at 6:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024, at the following location:

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Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 75 Greenwood Heights Drive, Eureka, CA.

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Please submit a cover letter and résumé in addition to the City's standard application.

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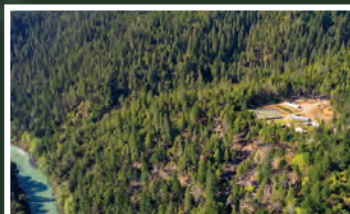


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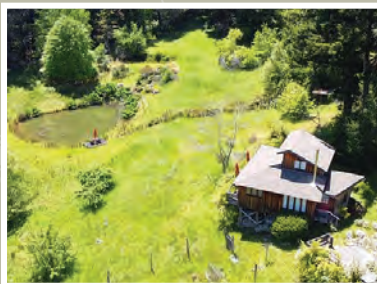
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